

# **EXHIBIT 7**



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STIPULATIONS

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, through their respective attorneys, that the deposition of HALEE LAWRENCE may be taken pursuant to notice and in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on JANUARY 12, 2021, via Zoom, before Lacy Antle, CSR, RPR.

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the videotaped  
2 deposition of Halee Lawrence taken in the matter of  
3 Feenstra, et al. versus Sigler, et al. filed in the  
4 United States District for the Northern District of  
5 Oklahoma, Case Number 19-CV-234-JFH-FHM.

6 This deposition is being held on  
7 January 12th, 2021, and we are on the record at  
8 10:02 a.m.

9 Will counsel please state their  
10 appearances for the record.

11 MR. NADKARNI: Hi, this is Sid Nadkarni, I  
12 am with Latham and Watkins, LLP representing  
13 plaintiffs Amanda Feenstra and Sharonica Carter and  
14 I'm joined by my colleague, Lilia Vazova.

15 MR. PEDERSON: Devan Pederson -- oops.  
16 Sorry about that.

17 MS. LAWSON: Stefanie Lawson also for the  
18 defendant state judges.

19 MS. KANE: Ashley Kane for Washington  
20 County and Halee Lawrence.

21 MR. WILLIFORD: And Jon Williford for the  
22 Oklahoma Indigent Defense System and Craig Sutter  
23 and the OIDS board.

24 WHEREUPON,

25 HALEE LAWRENCE,

1 after having been first duly sworn, deposes and  
2 says in reply to the questions propounded as  
3 follows, to-wit:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. NADKARNI:

6 Q All right. If we can begin.

7 Ms. Lawrence, I represent the plaintiffs, Amanda  
8 Feenstra and Sharonica Carter, in this matter, which  
9 relates to the manner in which their fines, fees and  
10 court costs for crimes they were convicted of in  
11 Washington County were assessed and later enforced  
12 by the defendants. And you are here because you  
13 were designated by the court clerk's office to  
14 testify in response to a subpoena to the court  
15 clerk, correct?

16 MS. KANE: We object to that. I think  
17 that she was subpoenaed, but she was not chosen from  
18 the court clerk's office to be the designated  
19 person, she just received the subpoena from the  
20 plaintiff in this case.

21 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Okay. No problems. Do  
22 you know who designated you to testify?

23 A Pardon?

24 Q Does the deponent know who designated her  
25 to testify today?

1 MS. KANE: She received a subpoena to  
2 testify today.

3 MR. PEDERSON: Sid, I think that we got  
4 that -- this is Devan. We got that subpoena  
5 originally and Ms. Powell testified, and then I  
6 think you guys specifically asked for Ms. Lawrence  
7 by name, that's my recollection, just to see if that  
8 helps.

9 MR. NADKARNI: Sure, no problem, just  
10 wanted to make sure we were clear.

11 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) So, Ms. Lawrence, before  
12 we begin, I'd just like to provide a few ground  
13 rules to make sure everything goes off smoothly. So  
14 I'll be asking you some questions relating to this  
15 matter and you're obligated to answer the questions  
16 to the best of your knowledge. But if you don't  
17 understand anything, please ask me to clarify. If  
18 you don't ask me to clarify, I will assume that you  
19 understood the question, is that fair?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And Ms. Kane is representing you as  
22 counsel today, right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Kane may object, but  
25 you're obligated to answer as long as you understand



1 the question unless she instructs you not to answer.

2 Does that all make sense?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And for the benefit of the court reporter,  
5 please, for each question I ask, provide a verbal  
6 response, rather than a nod or gesture. Does that  
7 work?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And also, for the benefit of the court  
10 reporter, please wait for me to finish my question,  
11 if I'm in the middle of asking it, and in return,  
12 I'll wait for you to finish your response, that way  
13 the reporter can record everything we say clearly.  
14 Does that work?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Great. Is there any reason you cannot  
17 provide complete and accurate responses to my  
18 questions?

19 A No.

20 Q Perfect. And finally, you may request a  
21 break at any time, so just let me know if you need  
22 to take a break for any reason. My only request is  
23 that if we're in the middle of a question, please  
24 finish answering the question before we break.

25 A Okay.

1 Q So, Ms. Lawrence, have you ever had your  
2 deposition taken before?

3 A No.

4 Q And did you do anything to prepare for  
5 this deposition?

6 A No.

7 Q Did you review any documents?

8 A No.

9 Q And did you bring anything with you?

10 A Just documents that were provided this  
11 morning.

12 Q And if I may ask you or perhaps Ms. Kane,  
13 are those all documents that have been produced to  
14 the plaintiffs in this matter?

15 MS. KANE: The documents are the ones that  
16 you sent us this morning.

17 MR. NADKARNI: Okay. Great. The  
18 documents that we may cover with Ms. Lawrence today?

19 MS. KANE: Yes, that's correct.

20 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) And, Ms. Lawrence, did  
21 you meet with or speak to Ms. Kane or any other  
22 attorney representing you in connection with  
23 preparing for this deposition?

24 A Just right before.

25 Q Did -- did you meet with or speak to

1 Mr. Pederson at all?

2 A While we were in the room waiting.

3 Q But never -- but never before?

4 A No.

5 Q And same question with respects to  
6 Mr. Williford, have you ever met or spoken with  
7 Mr. Williford before?

8 A No, I don't know who he is.

9 Q And same question with respects to  
10 Ms. Lawson, have you ever met or spoken to her  
11 before?

12 A No.

13 Q And in connection with this matter, have  
14 you spoken to any other attorneys who have told you  
15 that they're representing any defendants in this  
16 case?

17 A No.

18 Q And have you met with or spoken to any  
19 attorneys who tell you that they're representing the  
20 Oklahoma Board of -- the Oklahoma Indigent Board of  
21 Directors in this case?

22 A No.

23 Q Great. So, Ms. Lawrence, I'd like to  
24 first begin by talking a little bit about your work  
25 history with the district court clerk's office, and

1 I'll -- I'll share my screen and cover a document  
2 that we received from the court clerk.

3 This will be tab one in the documents that  
4 were provided. And can everyone see that tab now?  
5 It should say court clerk employee list from 2011 to  
6 present at the top.

7 A Yes.

8 MR. NADKARNI: Lacy, if you could, please,  
9 if you could mark this as -- this document as  
10 Exhibit 1 in the tabs that I sent to you.

11 (Exhibit 1 marked for identification.)

12 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Ms. Lawrence, can you  
13 locate your name in this -- in this list provided by  
14 the court clerk's office?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And if you can briefly check the  
17 description next to your name regarding the start  
18 dates, end dates and titles, does -- does this  
19 document correctly reflect the dates of your  
20 employment at the court clerk's office?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And does it correctly reflect the titles  
23 you've held at the court clerk's office?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, are all of these titles

1 your current titles at work?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And did you ever hold any other positions  
4 at the court clerk's office, aside from the ones  
5 listed here?

6 A No.

7 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, when did you begin  
8 serving as a minute clerk?

9 A In August of 2012, whenever I started.

10 Q And did you ever serve as a minute clerk  
11 for Judge DeLapp?

12 A No.

13 Q Did you ever serve as a minute clerk for  
14 Judge Thomas?

15 A Currently do.

16 Q Did you ever serve as a minute clerk for  
17 any other district court judges?

18 A Not specifically. I would fill in, if  
19 needed.

20 Q But in terms of any judges that you serve  
21 for as a full-time minute clerk, were there any  
22 judges that fit that description?

23 A Judge Vaclaw.

24 Q Just Judge Vaclaw?

25 A Judge Vaclaw and Judge Thomas.

1 Q Okay. Was -- and was Judge Vaclaw, since  
2 you started in 2012?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And do you recall when you started serving  
5 as a minute clerk for Judge Thomas?

6 A In January of 2019, she took the bench.

7 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, as minute clerk, what  
8 are your responsibilities?

9 A I take notes in court and then I go down  
10 and put them on the KellPro software, I take care of  
11 documents that are provided to me in court, take  
12 them downstairs and file them as well.

13 Q Thank you. Just a few follow-up questions  
14 on that. The notes that you take in court, what --  
15 what sort of court hearings do you sit in on?

16 A Divorce, criminal, civil, mental health.

17 Q Do you sit in sentencing hearings in  
18 criminal cases?

19 A Few and far between, but, yes.

20 Q Do you sit in plea hearings in criminal  
21 cases?

22 A Few, but yes.

23 Q And when you say that you enter what  
24 happened into the KellPro software, could you just  
25 explain in a little more detail how that works? Do

1 you have notes that you take at -- at the hearing  
2 that you then enter into a computer?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And the KellPro software, is -- is that  
5 entering word for word what happened into -- into  
6 the computer or are there just specific pieces of  
7 information that you're asked to enter?

8 A Just specific pieces of information, it's  
9 not word for word.

10 Q Do you recall what -- what sorts of  
11 information, specifically in -- in criminal  
12 sentencings?

13 A Who was there, we have specific things  
14 that we have to listen for, like whether they're  
15 sworn and, you know, whether everything -- the  
16 information is correct, what they're -- what the  
17 actual sentence is and then that, you know, that  
18 they're advised of their appeal rights and their  
19 date to come back, if they have a date to come back,  
20 and they're advised of their Rule 8 rights.

21 Q And with respect to -- to what their  
22 sentence is, is -- am I understanding that this is  
23 what -- what they -- what the judge declares their  
24 sentence is when they -- when they sentence them on  
25 the record?

1           A       Most of the sentences I do, the -- any of  
2       them that we do, they're mainly plea offers or plea  
3       deals that are worked out between the DA and the --  
4       and the defense counsel and the defendant. Very  
5       rarely do we just do a -- I don't know that I've  
6       ever done just a court sentencing.

7           Q       Sure. I'm just trying to get at  
8       specifically where the description of a sentence  
9       comes from. Is that based on what the judge says in  
10      court or is that based on a separate document that  
11      you have?

12          A       It's -- usually it's based on the plea of  
13      guilty summary of facts that's prepared by the  
14      district attorney and the defense and the defendant.

15          Q       Okay. So -- so you look at the plea of  
16      guilty summary of facts form and then -- and then  
17      you enter that into the Kell -- or you enter the  
18      information contained on that into the KellPro  
19      system?

20          A       Yes.

21          Q       And, Ms. Lawrence, do you do any work with  
22      respects to cost -- court costs or court fee  
23      calculations for recently sentenced criminal  
24      defendants?

25          A       The -- the costs are already in the -- in



1 the KellPro system whenever the case is filed. The  
2 only thing I would add to it would be the fees  
3 and -- or the fine and the VCA that's assessed in  
4 court or any other fee that's assessed in court.

5 Q Sure. Let me clarify. Do you -- do you  
6 hand defendants or fill out for the defendants  
7 any -- any documents that list their costs of fees?

8 A Yes, the -- the yellow slip that was  
9 provided, the fines assessed in court slip.

10 Q And is this a practice that you've had  
11 since you began at the court clerk's office in 2012?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And has anything about that practice  
14 changed since you began in 2012?

15 A The only thing that's changed is now some  
16 of the -- well, Judge Vaclaw and -- well, I don't  
17 know if Judge Vaclaw does, but I know Judge Gerken  
18 asks them what they can pay each month, Judge Thomas  
19 doesn't do that. I don't know what Judge Vaclaw  
20 does, I don't --

21 Q Sure. Let me just repeat -- clarify a  
22 little bit, just the -- the process of meeting with  
23 the defendants and giving them the -- the yellow  
24 sheet that's filled out, has -- has that process  
25 itself ever changed?

1           A     No. They still get that in court after --  
2     when they leave, they get that slip.

3           Q     And, Ms. Lawrence, in your role as minute  
4     clerk, who do you report to?

5           A     The court clerk.

6           Q     And that's Jill Spitzer?

7           A     Yes.

8           Q     And are there any other employees at the  
9     office who report directly to you?

10          A     No.

11          Q     All right. Ms. Lawrence, more  
12     specifically with respect to your meeting with  
13     defendants regarding the costs and fees, please  
14     correct me if I'm wrong, but if I understand you  
15     correctly, it's the practice of the district -- of  
16     the district court clerk's office that after the  
17     defendants are sentenced, they come to the minute  
18     clerk and the minute clerk gives them a sheet that  
19     provides in more detail the amounts of fees and  
20     costs they owe, correct?

21                   MR. PEDERSON: Object to form.

22                   THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't meet with  
23     the defendants. The defendants are in court in  
24     front of me whenever I'm there, I -- I don't meet  
25     with them outside of -- outside of court.

1 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Outside of the court, but  
2 do you provide them a sheet at the court that -- the  
3 yellow slip that provides that information?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And are there any other documents you  
6 provide them that lists their fees and costs?

7 A Notice of date to appear in court would be  
8 the order back -- we call it an order back slip, the  
9 pink slip, if they have another court date. And  
10 then we also provide them an advice of Rule 8 slip  
11 that's green.

12 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, your -- your testimony  
13 is that this happens while the defendant is still in  
14 court?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you know if that's always been the  
17 practice since you began at the court clerk's  
18 office?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And -- and has that practice changed at  
21 all since you began working there at all?

22 A No.

23 Q Are -- are you aware of any -- of any  
24 practices where the -- where the defendants came to  
25 the court clerk's office to receive their list of

1 fees and costs separate from their sentencing  
2 hearing in court?

3 A I -- I don't know. We provide them the  
4 slips in court. What happens to them after they  
5 leave court, I don't have a clue.

6 Q So you -- you, yourself, as minute clerk,  
7 have never met with the defendants after -- separate  
8 from a sentencing hearing and after a sentencing  
9 hearing to provide them a list of fees and costs?

10 A No.

11 Q Are you aware of anyone else at the court  
12 clerk's office doing so?

13 A I don't know if the cost administrator  
14 does or not. I don't know.

15 Q And the cost administrator is Ms. Powell?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Aside from the cost administrator, are you  
18 aware, since you began, of anyone else meeting with  
19 the defendant after the court -- after the court  
20 clerk's office -- sorry -- anyone at -- anyone  
21 meeting with the defendant at the court clerk's  
22 office after the sentencing hearing to provide them  
23 information regarding their fees and costs?

24 A No.

25 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, the -- the cost

1 calculation form that -- or the yellow slip that you  
2 call it that you prepare for the defendants in  
3 court, what is the -- the procedure for completing  
4 that form?

5 A I fill in their name, their case number,  
6 what the fine is for each count and what the VCA is  
7 for each count, whether there's an OSBI fee, a OIDS  
8 fee, a PSI fee, a contempt fee, whether there was a  
9 court reporter, whether there was jail time and  
10 whether there was court cost assessed.

11 Q And how do you determine what the court  
12 costs are?

13 A Those are already in the system whenever  
14 they're sentenced, I don't -- I don't know what they  
15 are at the time of sentencing, it's in the -- it's  
16 in the KellPro.

17 Q And how do you determine what the specific  
18 fees are that the defendant must pay?

19 A I don't --

20 MS. KANE: Object as to form.

21 THE WITNESS: I don't determine what the  
22 fees are.

23 MR. WILLIFORD: Hey, Sid, just so I'm  
24 clear and we're all clear, on the same page, not to  
25 be overly interruptive, but we are still operating

1 under the principal that one objection counts as an  
2 objection for everyone, correct?

3 MR. NADKARNI: Yes, that's perfectly fine  
4 with me.

5 MR. PEDERSON: Yeah, me, too.

6 MS. KANE: Yes.

7 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Sure. So, Ms. Lawrence,  
8 let me reword that question because I think it was a  
9 little unclear. How do you determine which fees  
10 need -- need to be completed in terms of the amounts  
11 that are written down on the yellow slip?

12 A They're stated in the plea when they  
13 recite what the plea is. I -- I don't determine  
14 that, the -- the defendant and the DAs determine  
15 what those fines and VCAs are and they recite them  
16 whenever they recite the plea offer.

17 Q And to your recollection, are -- are all  
18 the fees entered on that yellow slip, pleas that --  
19 fees that are mentioned in the pleading?

20 MS. KANE: Sorry.

21 THE WITNESS: Hold on.

22 MR. PEDERSON: Could we go off the record  
23 one second, I'm sorry.

24 MR. NADKARNI: Sure, no problem.

25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the record at

1 10:25 a.m.

2 (Break taken from 10:25 a.m. to 10:25  
3 a.m.)

4 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Ms. Lawrence, let me  
5 repeat that question. Is it your testimony that all  
6 the fees that are entered on the yellow slip are  
7 specifically fees that are mentioned in the -- in  
8 the plea?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And by plea, we're talking the plea of  
11 guilty and summary of facts form; is that correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And to your recollection, are there -- are  
14 there any other fees not mentioned in that form that  
15 are then assessed against the defendants by -- on --  
16 and then itemized for them on documents given to  
17 them by the court clerk?

18 A No.

19 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, how do you determine  
20 what amount to add in for each fee?

21 A I guess I don't understand your question.

22 Q Sure. So the specific amount that you  
23 write down on the slip for each fee, how do you  
24 determine what amount to put down?

25 A I -- I don't determine those amounts.

1 Those amounts are -- are stated in the plea offer or  
2 the plea agreement that was come to an agreement by  
3 the district attorney and the defendants. I don't  
4 determine anything. I just write down what's told  
5 to me.

6 Q So are there any independent calculations  
7 you're doing as to what to include on that slip  
8 that's not mentioned in the plea agreement?

9 A No.

10 Q And has -- has that always been the  
11 court's practice since you began working at the  
12 office?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So you're not aware of -- of any practice  
15 whereby the court clerk independently looks  
16 something up to write down for the defendant that's  
17 not mentioned in the plea; is that correct?

18 A Repeat that, I'm sorry.

19 Q Sure. So you're not aware of -- of any  
20 practice of the court clerk writing down something  
21 as to the defendant's fees and costs that are not  
22 mentioned in the plea agreement?

23 A No, I'm not aware.

24 Q And in connection with giving the  
25 defendants this yellow slip, does -- does anyone



1 else from your office speak to the defendant or --  
2 or hand them anything at that time?

3 A Not at the time they get the yellow slip,  
4 no.

5 Q Are you aware of anyone else from the  
6 court clerk's office handing the defendant anything  
7 before they meet with the cost administrator?

8 A No.

9 Q And has that practice changed in any way  
10 since you began working there?

11 A Not to my knowledge.

12 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, this -- this sentencing  
13 hearing where the defendant is provided a yellow  
14 slip, how is that documented?

15 A It's not. I mean, I don't write down that  
16 I gave them a yellow slip, I just give them the  
17 yellow slip.

18 Q Are you aware of any other documents  
19 filled out for the defendant by the court clerk  
20 after sentencing?

21 A No.

22 MR. PEDERSON: Other than the pink slip?

23 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Wait, I'm sorry,  
24 Ms. Lawrence, you referenced a pink slip, can you  
25 repeat what that is?

1           A       It's the notice of date to appear in  
2       court, the order back slip.

3           Q       And the order back slip, what does that  
4       upcoming court appearance relate to?

5           A       Could be a fine and a cost date, it could  
6       be a community sentencing date, it just depends on  
7       what -- what they're ordered back for.

8           Q       Sure. And aside from that slip, are you  
9       aware of the court clerk's office completing any  
10      other forms for the defendant after sentencing?

11                   MS. KANE: Object. Asked -- asked and  
12      answered.

13          Q       (BY MR. NADKARNI) Are you -- are you aware  
14      of any other forms being handed to defendants, aside  
15      from the yellow slip and the pink slip?

16          A       No. Besides the -- besides the Rule 8  
17      slip that gives them their -- tells them what their  
18      Rule 8 rights are, but that's -- that's the only  
19      slip.

20          Q       Sure. And do you know who gives them that  
21      slip?

22          A       We give it to them at the time of  
23      sentencing with the pink slip and the yellow slip.

24          Q       Is that you or is that the judge?

25          A       No, that's me or whoever is the minute

1 clerk at the time of sentencing.

2 Q Sure.

3 MR. NADKARNI: Guys, if you don't mind,  
4 can we -- can we take a five-minute break? I think  
5 we may need to just pull a few documents that  
6 weren't in the forms or in the folder that was sent  
7 to you guys earlier?

8 MS. KANE: Sure.

9 MR. PEDERSON: That's fine.

10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the record at  
11 10:32 a.m.

12 (Break taken from 10:32 to 10:53)

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the  
14 record at 10:53 a.m.

15 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Okay. Ms. Lawrence, I'd  
16 like to go through with you the document that I just  
17 provided to Ms. Kane to print out.

18 A Okay.

19 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, do you recognize the  
20 general format of this document?

21 A The general form, yes.

22 Q This is the plea of guilty summary of  
23 facts form that you -- of the type you referenced  
24 reviewing earlier, correct?

25 A Correct.

1           Q     And this is the form that you review  
2     before entering the amounts of fines, fees and costs  
3     on the yellow slip?

4           A     I don't review it before I put it on the  
5     yellow slip, I review it before I put the minute on  
6     the computer to make sure that what I have written  
7     down is correct.

8           MS. KANE:   Object as to this form is an  
9     older form, I don't know that this is the form  
10    that's used currently. This is from -- it's signed  
11    by Judge DeLapp, and I think that Ms. Lawrence  
12    advised you that she did not do any work for Judge  
13    DeLapp, she was not the clerk at the time.

14          MR. NADKARNI:   Sure. So -- so I believe  
15    this form is from 2015, when -- when Ms. Lawrence  
16    was already serving as a minute clerk. And -- and,  
17    yeah, I'm not sure if there's exact differences  
18    between the forms that Judge DeLapp used and any  
19    forms that Judge Vaclaw used, but why don't we go  
20    through those questions and if -- if she says  
21    anything -- there's anything specifically different,  
22    I'm happy to let her clarify.

23          MS. KANE:   Are you comfortable with that?  
24    The problem would be if she doesn't have the other  
25    form in front of her, knowing that a certain part is

1 different, because this is a very long form, it's 8,  
2 9, 10, 12 pages, you would expect her to know the  
3 difference in this form and another form.

4 MR. NADKARNI: Sure. You know what, I'll  
5 start -- I'll start asking the questions more  
6 generally, but if -- if looking at the form would  
7 help her, she's free to -- to look at it.

8 MS. KANE: As long as my objection is  
9 noted.

10 MR. NADKARNI: Sure.

11 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) So, Ms. Lawrence, the  
12 plea of guilty summary of facts form is what you  
13 review when you enter the court minute?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And -- and are there any forms that you  
16 review in connection with filling out the fees and  
17 costs on the yellow slip?

18 A No.

19 Q And can you remind me, the fees and costs  
20 listed on the yellow slip, how do you -- how do you  
21 recall what amounts to enter there?

22 A They're stated by either the DA or the  
23 defendant whenever the plea is recited.

24 Q Okay. So -- so what's stated -- what's  
25 stated when the plea -- when the plea is recited is

1 what's entered on the yellow slip?

2 A Correct.

3 Q And -- and -- and there's nothing that's  
4 not stated in the plea that's not entered on the  
5 yellow slip; is that correct?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And is there -- and there's no other  
8 documentation that's provided by the courts or by  
9 the defendant that you review in connection with  
10 filling out the yellow slip?

11 A No.

12 Q So you don't review any -- any affidavits  
13 provided by the defendants in connection with -- in  
14 connection with an application for a OIDS attorney  
15 that would state their financial -- their financial  
16 ability to pay, correct?

17 A I don't --

18 MR. PEDERSON: Object to form.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't review any documents  
20 prior to the court hearing or at the time of court  
21 hearing.

22 Q (BY MR. NADKARNI) Sure. And I presume it's  
23 not your job?

24 A Correct.

25 Q And I'm presuming similarly that there's

1 no -- there's no change to form that you make based  
2 on any -- based on any assessment of a defendant's  
3 ability to pay those fines, fees and costs, correct?

4 A No.

5 Q And that's because it's not your job,  
6 right?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, do you ever have to  
9 calculate the fees and costs of a defendant and put  
10 them on a yellow slip for a defendant whose  
11 sentencing hearing you are not attending?

12 A No.

13 Q And has it always been the practice since  
14 you began working there?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And before those fines, fees and costs are  
17 stated as part of the defendant's plea at sentencing  
18 hearing, do you, as minute clerk, do any research as  
19 to what those amounts are going to come out to?

20 A No.

21 Q No problem. And I assume it's not your  
22 job to do that, right?

23 A I'm not an attorney, I don't know.

24 Q And, Ms. Lawrence, as minute clerk, are  
25 there -- are there any policies or practices that

1 give you discretion over what to enter on that  
2 yellow slip in terms of which -- which fees and  
3 costs will be assessed against the defendants?

4 A No.

5 Q And there's no policies or practices  
6 giving you discretion over what amounts to put down  
7 with respect to the fees and costs, correct?

8 A No.

9 MR. NADKARNI: All right. Guys, can we  
10 take a two-minute, a two to five-minute break? I  
11 think we'll just -- you know, we'll just like to  
12 expedite this, so I think we're just going to review  
13 our notes and see what further questions we have.

14 MS. KANE: Sure.

15 MR. PEDERSON: That's fine.

16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the record at  
17 11:01 a.m.

18 (Break taken from 11:01 to 11:09)

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the  
20 record at 11:09 a.m.

21 MR. NADKARNI: Ms. Lawrence, thank you for  
22 answering these questions, I think that's all we  
23 have, unless there is any separate direct from  
24 Mr. Pederson or Mr. Williford or Ms. Lawson that we  
25 reserve the right to redirect on.



1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. PEDERSON:

3 Q This is Devan, Ms. -- Ms. Lawrence, have  
4 you always given out the green slips?

5 A Those, we started handing those out  
6 shortly after Judge Thomas took office in January of  
7 2019.

8 MR. PEDERSON: Okay. That's all I have.  
9 Thank you.

10 REDIRECT-EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. NADKARNI:

12 Q And -- and, Ms. Lawrence, if I -- if I can  
13 just ask you a quick question, can you just explain  
14 what the green slip is? I think we asked -- we  
15 talked about the yellow slip and the pink slip  
16 before, so I just wanted to make sure I understand  
17 that.

18 A Sorry. It's the advice of Rule 8 rights.

19 MR. NADKARNI: Okay. That's all on my  
20 end.

21 MR. WILLIFORD: I don't have any questions  
22 for you Ms. Lawrence, thank you so much.

23 MR. PEDERSON: I have nothing else.

24 MR. NADKARNI: All right. Thank you,  
25 Ms. Lawrence, I think we can go off the record then.

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the record at  
2 11:10 a.m.

3 MR. PEDERSON: She wants to read and sign.

4 (DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 11:10 A.M.)  
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I, HALEE LAWRENCE, do hereby state under  
oath that I have read the above and foregoing  
deposition in its entirety and that the same is a  
full, true and correct transcription of my testimony  
so given at said time and place.

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Signature of Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the  
undersigned Notary Public by said witness, HALEE  
LAWRENCE, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2021.

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

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1 CERTIFICATE

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA )  
3 ) SS:  
4 COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA )

5 I, Lacy Antle, Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter within and for the State of Oklahoma and  
7 for the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that the  
8 above-named HALEE LAWRENCE was by me first duly  
9 sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and  
10 nothing but the truth, in the case aforesaid; that  
11 the above and foregoing deposition was by me taken  
12 in shorthand and thereafter transcribed; and that I  
13 am not an attorney for nor relative of any of said  
14 parties or otherwise interested in the event of said  
15 action.

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
17 hand and official seal this 18th day of January,  
18 2021.

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